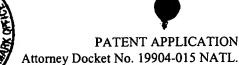
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## PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for a five-month extension of time to respond to the November 13, 2002 Office Action in the above-identified application. With the extension, a Reply is due on or before May 13, 2003. A check in the amount of \$985.00 in payment of the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(5), for a small entity, is enclosed herewith.

The Director is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Ref. No. 19904-015 NATL.

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